Investigation/Prosecution of Officers on Corruption Charges

3397. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given on September 4, 1991 to Unstarred Question No. 5688 and state:

(a) whether the information regarding investigation/prosecution of officers on corruption charges has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Informations have been called for from all the State Governments, Union Territories, and all the Ministries and Departments of the Government of India. Informations from some of the State Governments, Ministries and Departments of the Government of India are still awaited.

National Small Industries Corporation

3398. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an enquiry into the charges levelled by the Employees Association about irregularities in the National Small Industries Corporation has since been completed;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). Certain complaints received regarding irregularities in the National Small Industries Corporation Limited, are under examination of the Government.

[*English*]

Setting up of Drug Units by Multinational Companies

3399. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals from multinational drug companies are pending clearance for setting up new drug units in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Alleged Irregularities in Award of Contract

3400. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been serious irregularities in the award of contract for transportation of SDK & CKD components from Kandla Port to Gurgaon by Maruti Udyog Limited for the supply of air-conditioners;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBI has carried out any investigation into the above contract; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (d). Some references have been received by the Govt. from CBI regarding the transportation contract and purchase of air conditioners, which are still under consideration.

Sale of Maruti Cars

3401. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sales of Maruti Cars 800 cc and Omni Vans have dropped considerably in the recent past;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of cars and vans sold in July and August 1991 and how do the sales compare which were made in October and November 1991 month-wise;

(d) the steps taken to boost the sales of Maruti Vehicles; and

(e) whether the export figures are also coming down steadily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reasons for decline in demand & sale are as follows:-

i) The devaluation of rupee leading to higher cost of inputs and credit squeeze in the money market resulting in a substantial increase in loan interest rates.

ii) Steep increase in the price of Maruti vehicles mainly on account of increase in excise-duty.

(c) The number of Maruti-800 cc cars and Omnis sold from July to November, 91 is given below:-

Month	*Maruti - 800*	*OMNI*
July, 91	5179	2487
August, 91	4037	2244
Sept., 91	4346	2426
Oct., 91	4785	1562
Nov., 91	3324	1257

(d) The steps taken to promote the sales of Maruti vehicles are as under:-

i) Dealer Incentive Scheme were introduced for sale of Omnis October and November, 1991.

ii) A special offer has been introduced for sale of 5000 Om is at reduced prices for Dec., 91.

iii) An extensive 'field sales' programme has been launched through the dealers' sales personnel which is further supplemented by local advertising campaigns by the dealers.

iv) A comprehensive Omni advertisement campaign is currently under preparation and is scheduled to be